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# the Quarterdeck

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## Rewards for international student sponsors

Visions unfamiliar to their American counterparts cross the minds of those international students who rush day after day about the NPS campus. What thoughts do these students have that native Americans don't and how do these students adapt to a world so far from home?

U.S. students at NPS have the opportunity to help international students adapt to their new environment life and, at the same time, benefit from the exchange of cultures unique to each student.

How? Through the sponsor program.

"The sponsor program for international students means that an American NPS student (or faculty or staff member) is willing to commit them-

selves to another student's welfare while he is at NPS. The sponsor is 'an ambassador of goodwill' and a source of information. He makes sure the student away from his home country gets to see our culture to the fullest extent during his stay here," said LTJG Pam Gallop, NPS sponsor chairperson.

A large number of NPS international students have difficulty adapting to the high cost of living, according to LTJG Gallop, but some can afford to reside in Monterey, or even Carmel. Those with limited funds can get information about budgeting through the NPS international office.

A current drawback to the program is that there aren't enough sponsors.

"The most common justification for not being willing to sponsor another is that there isn't enough time and yet, not that much time needs to be involved. As long as the international student knows a question can be answered by a trusted American student, he is comfortable," said LTJG Gallop.

Is there incentive for an NPS student to be a sponsor?

Said LTJG Gallop: "The program is rewarding in more ways than one can imagine. It shows a different perspective on world views, social activities and education. It is an educational experience if one gets involved, and can bring fond memories in the future." —J02 Mary Reed



A small girl enjoys the foreign fare during last weekend's International Day celebration.

—Photo by PHCS Frank Corrigan

## CNO speaks out

### The facts about military retirement

(Ed. Note: The military retirement system has come under fire in recent weeks. Critics have stated that the costs for the program are excessive. Earlier this month, the Chief of Naval Operations responded to an editorial published by The Washington Times which charged that the military's retirement system was a "scandal." The following is that response.)

I found your editorial on military retirement ("Time to stop this scandal," April 2) not only biased and slanted, but a disservice to the many men and women who so tirelessly serve this nation. The only thing I really agreed with was your title -- it is "time to stop this scandal," the scandal of running down a system of retirement compensation which is working as it was intended to work. It is "time to stop this scandal" of referring to hard-earned benefits as government largess.

Having been involved directly in naval manpower issues for over fifteen years, I want to share my personal thoughts with you and your readers. I want to shed light on the many misconceptions and inaccuracies which surround this emotion-charged issue. I also want to shatter some of the more prevalent "myths of military retirement."

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# From the Chaplain

by Chaplain E. Dean Cook

CHAPLAIN WALTER COLTON (1797-1851)

Navy Chaplain Walter Colton served as alcaide of Monterey from 1846 to 1849, and as judge of the United States Court of Admiralty. Born in Vermont, educated at Yale University and Andover Theological Seminary, he distinguished himself as a college professor, journalist and Congregational clergyman before entering the Navy chaplaincy. He was a personal friend of and was appointed to the chaplaincy by President Andrew Jackson. Perhaps Chaplain Colton's greatest contribution came as an advocate for naval reform. Chaplain Colton fought for shipboard libraries, increased pay for sailors, better uniforms, better discipline and less booze.

After marrying at age 47, he wrote his wife from sea, "None but old bachelors and hen-pecked husbands should go to sea." Chaplain Colton also established California's first English newspaper, "The Californian," and is honored today by having Monterey's middle school bear his name.

## Military retirement

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**Myth: Twenty-year veterans retire with 50% of their pay.** Wrong. To get to the truth, let's look at how the retirement pay is computed. Military compensation while on active duty is determined by paygrade and length of service. There also are certain allowances, as well as special and incentive pays for those performing extremely hazardous jobs. Not everyone receives each of these remunerations all of the time. But, out of all of these elements, **only one** is used for computing retirement compensation -- and it is the taxable basic pay. What does this mean? It means, for example, that a chief petty officer on a submarine in San Diego would retire after 20 years of service (an average 15 years of which were spent at sea away from home, family and friends) with only 27% of his pay. A more typical destroyerman at that same place and paygrade would receive 31% of his pay--not even close to 50%.

**Myth: The retirement system encourages the service's best and brightest to get out during their peak performance years.** Wrong. The retirement system is designed to produce a youthful, vigorous, combat-ready force. And, it does just that. Lessons learned from previous wars are that an older, stagnant force is not a combat ready force. No less a military leader, and caring public servant, than General Dwight D. Eisenhower argued in congressional testimony during 1946 and 1947 in favor of steps to maintain a youthful and vigorous force and not regress to extended career policies of the past.

In this regard, times have not changed. Going to sea is demanding work. It demands the best from those who are young, healthy and active. Retirement benefits also do not encourage people to leave the service. Instead, it encourages dedicated people to devote 20 to 30 years out of the middle of their lives to a tough, demanding way of life. As an aside, the average enlisted man spends nearly 23 years of his life in the service. The average officer serves for 24 years.

**Myth: Military retirement is six times more generous than the average private-sector plan.** Wrong again. The system is about 1.2 times better than the average plan. And that is fair, because military service is not average service. Few occupations include the unlimited working hours--without overtime, in places far from home, at all hours of the night and day, in working and living conditions which are spartan--and frequent family moves found in a military career. The Government Accounting Office made comparisons of our system with other high-risk occupation retirement programs, such as those for firemen and policemen, and determined our system was comparable to those systems. In fact, Fairfax County and D.C. police and fire departments have plans that are in many respects superior to our own plan.

**Myth: The military retirement system is an old age pension plan.** Wrong once more. I have called it "retirement pay" in this letter, but "retirement" is a misnomer. It is more accurately a "retainer pay." The

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## La Mesa townhall meeting

The NPS Student Council and Officer Students' Wives' Club are sponsoring a townhall meeting for La Mesa residents on Wednesday, Apr. 24, at 1930 in Ingersoll Hall, Room 122.

Student council representatives for the housing office, security, the police and fire departments and the school will answer questions and describe duties/responsibilities. Questions submitted in writing before the meeting will be given first priority.

Questions may be submitted to the La Mesa housing office or sent to the OSWC, SMC box 1126. For further information, call Lynne Tungett at 373-3710.

## Federal women's program

The Federal Women's Program sub-committee will hold a meeting Apr. 26 from 1210 to 1300 in the La Novia Room.

Guest speaker Liz Clark (NPS civilian personnel office) will discuss, "Bridging the Gap: Self-Development and Training Opportunities in Federal Service." For more information call ext. 3258 or 3317.

## Ft. Ord health care

If you have questions concerning health care at Silas B. Hayes Hospital, there are two ways that you can find answers.

You may contact either the NAVMEDADMIN unit at the Presidio, 242-8614, or Mr. Dale Mitchell, patient representative officer (PRO) in room 105 of the hospital.

The PRO office is open from 0730 to 1630 Monday through Friday. The office phone numbers are 242-2570 or 242-3111.



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Anyone with questions should call Mr. Art Rodriguez at ext. 2394.



## Saving energy and staying comfortable

When your office heated up during the recent warm spells, did you open windows for ventilation and added comfort?

That's cool.

Just remember to close the windows before going home at night so that the room will stay relatively warm until morning, advises ENS Keith Berndt of the public works department.

"Simply by closing the windows and lowering the blinds, most rooms will remain warm enough that the morning heat requirement is nearly eliminated," he notes.

Those simple steps will cut nighttime heat loss and the overall energy demand for the school.

That can mean added comfort in the office along with lower utility bills for NPS, ENS Berndt said.

## Standings

### FUN LEAGUE DIV I

	W	L
Floppy Disks	1	0
Pubs I	1	0
Kings	1	0
Slower than Dirt	1	0
Aero Cats	1	1
Kellers 8's	1	1
M.E.	0	1
Coast Guard	0	1
Polar Jets	0	1
Mets	0	1

### FUN LEAGUE DIV II

Cubers	2	0
Rowdies	1	0
CS-51	1	0
F.A.R.T.S.	1	1
Rogues	1	1
The Naturals	0	1
Pubs II	0	1
Naval Engineering	0	1
PL-51	0	1
Bullard Bullies	0	0

### CO-ED LEAGUE

Ball Busters	2	0
Foul Balls	1	0
Generics	1	0
Wizzards	1	1
P.W. Family	0	1
The Turbulent Flow	0	1
P.S.D. Bombers	0	1
Air Ocean	0	1
D.M.D.C./O.S.O.	0	0
Our Gang	0	0

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

E.E.	1	0
RD II	1	0
Produce People	1	1
F.N.O.C.	1	1
Ball Bangers	0	1
Seaslugs	0	1

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## Women softball players needed

The NPS women's softball team needs experienced players. For more information contact Frank Samuel at ext. 2466 or 2467.

The NPS Teen Club is accepting applications for a part-time manager. This position would involve 30 to 35 hours per week at \$6.89 per hour.

Closing date for applications is Apr. 23. For more information, call the recreation office at 646-2466.

## Classified ads

Ads must be placed by NPS personnel (faculty, students, staff) and be noncommercial in nature.

Ads may be submitted in person or via mail/guard mail, and must reach the Public Affairs Office no later than noon Monday for publication in that week's issue. Ads will be run on a first come, first served basis. Please notify the PAO of any ad cancellations by calling ext. 2023. Ads will be run for a maximum of two weeks unless resubmitted.

**1981 CHEVY CHEVETTE DIESEL** Excellent condition, \$2999. Call Steve, ext. 3414 or 372-4197 and leave message.

**CUSTOM WHEELS 15"x7".** 2 sets of 4, white (new) and chrome. 4 used tires- make offer. Call Beasley at 373-7508.

**1976 PUCH MOPED \$275.** Call ext. 2224 or 624-7921 LTCOL Bonsper.

**TORTOISE SHELL CAT** free to good home. Female, 10 mo. Will spay and get shots for new owner. Call Debra ext 2841 or 373-1330.

**1974 VW SUPER BEETLE** new paint, engine refurb. and includes stereo. \$3000 or best, new twin mattress, \$70. Valenta ext. 3113.

**18" JAPANESE-MADE BIKE** no bar, hand brakes, in good cond. \$25. Call LT Gonzalez at ext. 2536 or 640-5200.

**SHARE APARTMENT \$275** and util., close to NPS and DLI. 2 bd., pool, ocean view. 394-1947.

**BABY ITEMS** Stroller double stroller, Gerry back pack car seat, booster seat and more. In top cond. Call John, ext. 2023 or 384-4405.

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## NEW EMPLOYEES:

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Applications for the following vacancies are now being accepted in the Civilian Personnel Office. Consult the Merit Staffing Program announcements in your department for further information.

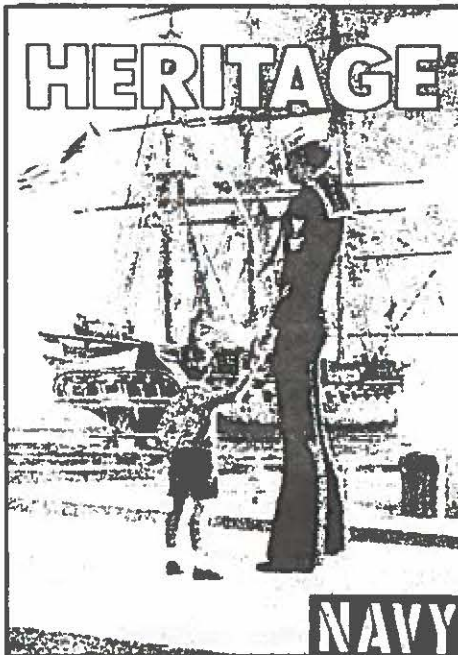
Position & Announcement #	Location	Grade	Closing Dates
Computer Specialist (2 positions) 84-46.2	FNOC	GS-09	Until filled
Computer Programmer 84-71.3	FNOC	GS-09/11	Until filled
Computer Programmer 84-88.2	FNOC	GS-09/11	Until filled
Computer Programmer Analyst 85-10.1	FNOC	GS-09/11	Until filled
(Interdisciplinary) NEPRF Supervisory Operations Research Analyst/ Supervisory Meteorologist/Supervisory Mathematician		GS-12	30 May 85

## Military retirement

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system was designed in 1916, supported then and now by the Congress, and still functions to give our nation a pool of dedicated, highly-qualified and immediately available people who are ready to serve and protect this nation. A high percentage was called up from this pool in World War II and Korea. Of course, all who have served to retirement are subject not only to immediate recall but also the Uniform Code of Military Justice for the remainder of their lives.

Your editorial called this compensation for a hard job well done "lavish." If it's so lavish, why do only 13% of our people want to stay for 20 or more years? Why don't more Americans volunteer to serve in uniform? Come on in and "enjoy" the hardships, I say—but, then I admit I am very close to the issue. After all, I have taken the time to understand the issue completely and have spent a lifetime watching sailors earn their "retainer pay." I have even watched friends die while trying to earn these benefits. The sacrifices made on a daily basis by our military people and their families hardly qualifies retirement compensation to be categorized as a scandalous gift—it is an earned repayment. It is time to stop demeaning our people who are there giving up normal American freedoms over their entire lifetimes so that others, who have not elected to volunteer, can feel secure during theirs. Sacrifice is a part of Service, but the sacrifice should not include continual misinformed criticism. —ADM James D. Watkins



# Calendar

## APRIL

-19-  
1700-1900  
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION  
FOR NEW STUDENTS  
BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM  
(POC: LT WILLIAMS, EXT 2513)

-20-  
NAVY LEAGUE DINNER  
1830  
COCKTAILS, LA NOVIA TERRACE  
1930  
DINNER, LA NOVIA ROOM  
(POC: MRS. J. WILSON, 372-3415)

-23 TO MAY 10-  
0730-1630  
RELIABILITY SHORT COURSE  
S/221  
(POC: EVA LONG, EXT 2984)

-25-  
1930-2200  
OSWC WELCOME ABOARD PARTY  
BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM  
(POC: SUSAN SESTAK, 649-5830)

-29-  
1110-1200  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SEMINAR  
CAPT R. F. FOX  
SUPSHIP, GROTON, CN  
IN/122  
(POC: PROF MARTO, EXT 2586)

## MAY

-3-  
1800-2200  
MARINE CORPS ADMIN  
COCKTAILS/DINNER  
BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM  
(POC: CAPT ALDRICH, 242-8328)

## NTCC message training course

A training session on the preparation of naval messages will be conducted on Friday, Apr. 26 in Ingersoll Hall, Room 122.

This class, conducted by Naval Telecommunications Center (NTCC) personnel, will begin at 0930 and last approximately 90 minutes. Attendance is strongly recommended for anyone involved in the preparation of naval messages.

Registration is not necessary, but, supervisory permission is required. For further information, contact Liz Clark in the civilian personnel office, ext. 3052.